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SUBJ: GUYANA PRIME MINISTER FORBES BURNHAM VISITS SOMALIS

PRIME MINISTER FORBES BURNHAM OF GUYANA AND A 25 MEMBER DELEGATION VISITED SOMALIA FOR A THREE-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT SEPT 24-26. THE MINISTERS OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND POWER AND NATURAL RESOURCES, AND THE CHIEF OF CABINET WERE AMONG THE DELEGATES, THE DELEGATION WAS RECEIVED BY SOMALI

PRESIDENT SIAD BARRE, SRC MEMBERS, SEVERAL SECRETARIES OF STATE AND THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS.

DURING THE GUYANA DELEGATION STAY IN SOMALIA THEY VISITED A MOGADISCIO ORIENTATION CENTER, THE HALLANE TRAINING CENTER, A REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH CENTER AND A FARM CRASH PROGRAM.

PRIOR TO DEPARTURE, THE OCTOBER STAR, SEPT. 27 REPORTED THE PRIME MINISTER'S VIEW ON APARTHEID - "THAT ONCE NO POSITIVE RESULTS ENSUED FROM STEPS TAKEN SO FAR, THERE WAS NO OTHER WAY OPEN BUT ARMED STRUGGLE TO OVERTHROW THE MINORITY SETTLER REGIME CR SOUTH AFRICA." THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO STATED THAT - "HIS ASSISTANT WAS RECENTLY TOLD BY WORLD BANK PRESIDENT MCNAMARA THAT SOMALIA AND GUYANA WERE THE ONLY TWO DEVELOPING
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